

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for conducting an online survey having one or more questions, the method comprising:

maintaining a survey database, the database comprising the one or more questions and data identifying a type of input field for each question;

receiving a request for a network resource including the electronic survey,
wherein the request is received at a web server computer maintaining the network resource from a web browser;

in response to the request, determining whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized to respond to the request;

in response to determining that a previously compiled class file should not be utilized to respond to the request, creating an executable class file capable of generating markup language for displaying the questions and the input fields in a web browser;

generating the markup language by executing the class file; and

returning the markup language as a response to the request for a network resource, wherein the survey database further comprises.

data indicating how the input fields for each question should be displayed,
data indicating a sequence for the one or more questions and wherein the
one or more questions are ordered according to the sequence when the class file
is executed,

data indicating whether each of the one or more questions should be
included in the electronic survey and wherein the class file does not generate
markup language for each of the one or more questions not to be included in the
survey when executed, and

an application name corresponding to the electronic survey, a form name,
and a version number.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized comprises determining whether the request for the network resource was a first request for the network resource.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized comprises determining whether the request for the network resource was a first request for the network resource or whether a web server operative to provide the network resource was reset since the last time the network resource was accessed.

Claims 4. through 8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 8 1, wherein the web server computer is operative to receive response data corresponding to the input fields and to store the response data in a database.

Claims 10. through 25 (Canceled)

26. (New) A system for conducting an online survey having one or more questions, the system comprising:

a memory storage for maintaining a database; and

a processing unit coupled to the memory storage, wherein the processing unit is operative to:

maintain a survey database, the database comprising the one or more questions and data identifying a type of input field for each question;

receive a request for a network resource including the electronic survey, wherein the request is received at a web server computer maintaining the network resource from a web browser;

in response to the request, determine whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized to respond to the request;

in response to determining that a previously compiled class file should not be utilized to respond to the request, create an executable class file capable of generating markup language for displaying the questions and the input fields in a web browser;

generate the markup language by executing the class file; and
return the markup language as a response to the request for a network resource, wherein the survey database further comprises,
data indicating how the input fields for each question should be displayed,
data indicating a sequence for the one or more questions and wherein the one or more questions are ordered according to the sequence when the class file is executed,
data indicating whether each of the one or more questions should be included in the electronic survey and wherein the class file does not generate markup language for each of the one or more questions not to be included in the survey when executed, and
an application name corresponding to the electronic survey, a form name, and a version number.

27. (New) The system of Claim 26, wherein the processing unit operative to determine whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized comprises the processing unit operative to determine whether the request for the network resource was a first request for the network resource.

28. (New) The system of Claim 26, wherein the processing unit operative to determine whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized comprises the processing unit operative to determine whether the request for the network resource was a first request for the network resource or whether a web server operative to

provide the network resource was reset since the last time the network resource was accessed.

29. (New) The system of Claim 26, wherein the web server computer is operative to receive response data corresponding to the input fields and to store the response data in a database.

30. (New) A computer-readable medium which stores a set of instructions which when executed performs a method for conducting an online survey having one or more questions, the method executed by the set of instructions comprising:

maintaining a survey database, the database comprising the one or more questions and data identifying a type of input field for each question;

receiving a request for a network resource including the electronic survey, wherein the request is received at a web server computer maintaining the network resource from a web browser;

in response to the request, determining whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized to respond to the request;

in response to determining that a previously compiled class file should not be utilized to respond to the request, creating an executable class file capable of generating markup language for displaying the questions and the input fields in a web browser;

generating the markup language by executing the class file; and

returning the markup language as a response to the request for a network resource, wherein the survey database further comprises,

data indicating how the input fields for each question should be displayed,
data indicating a sequence for the one or more questions and wherein the
one or more questions are ordered according to the sequence when the class file
is executed,

data indicating whether each of the one or more questions should be
included in the electronic survey and wherein the class file does not generate
markup language for each of the one or more questions not to be included in the
survey when executed, and

an application name corresponding to the electronic survey, a form name,
and a version number.

31. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 30, wherein determining
whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized comprises determining
whether the request for the network resource was a first request for the network
resource.

32. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 30, wherein determining
whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized comprises determining
whether the request for the network resource was a first request for the network
resource or whether a web server operative to provide the network resource was reset
since the last time the network resource was accessed.

33. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 30, wherein the web server computer is operative to receive response data corresponding to the input fields and to store the response data in a database.